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For: DRIVE APPARATUS FOR VOLUME  
CONTROL DEVICES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2008, for which a response is due on January 6, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.